

COUNCIL NEWS

An update from Councilwoman
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BE COUNTED! NEW CENSUS DEADLINE & EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

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AN IMPORTANT UPDATE

This time of year is one I always look forward to visiting with each one of you and providing you with an update regarding the city's latest happenings.

Due to the limitations we have surrounding COVID-19, we cannot meet in person. I still want to provide you with a personal update. Included in this newsletter you will find information regarding the **Upcoming Election**, including information about the two constitutional amendments and local referendum on the ballot, and the **new Census deadline**. Please know, even though we cannot meet in person, you can always reach me by phone or email. I would love to hear from you.

Please continue to be safe and stay well.



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CENSUS 2020

YOU COUNT!

There are MILLIONS at stake for Norfolk.
Your count equals \$20,200 over 10 years.

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WIC PROGRAMS | FINANCIAL AID
AFFORDABLE HOUSING
ROADS & HIGHWAYS | SOCIAL SERVICES
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
CHILDCARE PROGRAMS
PROGRAMS FOR THE AGING

Complete your census online today at
2020census.gov or 1-844-330-2020.

Deadline is September 30!





GENERAL ELECTION

ABSENTEE VOTING

Mail-in and in-person absentee voting begins September 18.

MAIL-IN BALLOTS



Absentee ballots have a tracking barcode through the postal service that you can monitor for delivery.

Return your absentee ballot by mail or delivery courier
(UPS, Federal Express, DHL, etc.).



Or return your ballot in person to the Elections Office in City Hall or one of the voter satellite offices during operational hours.

IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING



Available beginning September 18 at City Hall (810 Union St.)
Monday - Friday (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Saturday, October 24 & October 31 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Curbside services available in front of City Hall.

Beginning October 12, four voter satellite offices open:

Berkley Community Center (121 W. Liberty St.)

Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch Library (1425 Norchester Ave.)

Lambert's Point Community Center (1251 W. 42nd St.)

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library (111 W. Ocean View Ave.)

Full list of dates and times available at norfolk.gov/elections.





VOTER NOTICE

ANSWERS TO YOUR ELECTION QUESTIONS

Absentee voting (by mail and in person) for the November 3 presidential election will begin on September 18 at City Hall. Absentee ballots have a tracking barcode through the United States Postal Service that you can monitor for delivery. You may return your absentee ballot via mail or delivery courier (UPS, Federal Express, DHL). If you choose to return your ballot in person to our office (City Hall, 810 Union Street), please bring valid voter identification.

No-excuse absentee voting will be held in City Hall (810 Union Street), beginning September 18. Voters must bring a valid ID, wear a face covering and maintain 6 feet of separation. City Hall's hours are M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. In addition to normal business hours, City Hall will also be open:

- Saturday, Oct. 24: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 31: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Curbside service is available for those who prefer to vote from their vehicle. This service is only available at the City Hall location. Park in the **Main St. Circle** and call **757-664-4353** for assistance.

Beginning Monday, October 12th, four voter satellite offices open for in-person absentee voting:

- **Berkley Community Center**
121 W. Liberty Street
- **Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch Library**
1425 Norchester Avenue
- **Lambert's Point Community Center**
1251 W. 42nd Street
- **Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library**
111 W. Ocean View Avenue

Absentee voting at these locations will be available:

Monday through Friday:

- Mon. Weds. Fridays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Tues. and Thurs.: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 17: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Satellite offices will close Thursday, Oct. 29. On Election Day voters will be able to vote in person at their regularly designated polling place.

Commonwealth of Virginia, Official Ballot

Style CD3

City of Norfolk
General and Special Elections
Tuesday, November 3, 2020

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Instructions

To vote for a candidate, fill in the box next to the name, like this ☐.

To write in a qualified candidate who is not already on the ballot, fill in the box like this ☐, and write the name of the person on the dotted line.

If you want to change a vote or if you have made a mistake, ask an election worker for another ballot. If you make marks on the ballot besides filling in the box, your vote may not be counted.

**President and
Vice President**

Vote for only one

☐ **DEMOCRATIC PARTY**
Electors for
Joseph R. Biden, President
Kamala D. Harris, Vice President

☐ **REPUBLICAN PARTY**
Electors for
Donald J. Trump, President
Michael R. Pence, Vice President

☐ **LIBERTARIAN PARTY**
Electors for
Jo Jorgensen, President
Jeremy F. "Spike" Cohen, Vice President

☐ **Write-in:**

**Member
United States Senate**

Vote for only one

☐ **Mark R. Warner - D**

☐ **Daniel M. Gade - R**

☐ **Write-in:**

**Member
House of Representatives
3rd District**

Vote for only one

☐ **Robert C. "Bobby" Scott - D**

☐ **John W. Collick Jr. - R**

☐ **Write-in:**

Turn the ballot over**Read Both Sides of the Ballot**

**Norfolk Electoral Board
810 Union Street, Room 808
Norfolk, VA 23510**

AMENDMENTS AND LOCAL REFERENDUM

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

1. Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to establish a redistricting commission, consisting of eight members of the General Assembly and eight citizens of the Commonwealth, that is responsible for drawing the congressional and state legislative districts that will be subsequently voted on, but not changed by, the General Assembly and enacted without the Governor's involvement and to give the responsibility of drawing districts to the Supreme Court of Virginia if the redistricting commission fails to draw districts or the General Assembly fails to enact districts by certain deadlines?

☐ YES
☐ NO

2. Should an automobile or pickup truck that is owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be free from state and local taxation?

☐ YES
☐ NO

LOCAL REFERENDUM: HARBOR PARK CASINO

Shall casino gaming be permitted at a casino gaming establishment in the City of Norfolk on property east of Harbor Park Stadium bounded to the north by Park Avenue, to the South by the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth River, and generally to the east by Norfolk & Western Railway railroad tracks with an approximate street address of 200 Park Avenue, as may be approved by the Virginia Lottery Board?

☐ YES
☐ NO



MULTIMODAL NORFOLK

Multimodal Norfolk is the process for developing the City's first multimodal transportation master plan. It is a blueprint for linking all travel modes to support the safety, connectedness, and prosperity of the people of Norfolk and the region. The purpose is to better connect the ways we travel in Norfolk – by foot, bus, bike, scooter, and car – to make our city safer and more prosperous in the future.

The three goals of Multimodal Norfolk are:

1. **SAFETY:** Protect all who travel on our city's streets.
2. **FREEDOM:** Connect people and places with a choice of affordable and accessible travel options.
3. **PROSPERITY:** Create a prosperous multimodal future for all.



BROAD CREEK LEGACY PARK OPEN FOR USE

Legacy Park is now open to the public. The park includes new walking paths winding through the site leading to a tree-shaded seating plaza and connections to the surrounding community. A metal, trellis-work gateway welcomes visitors and announces the Broad Creek area. Chess and game tables with benches will be installed in late September or early October. Future updates include the addition of various fruit trees and shrubs in the late fall through winter timeframe.



OPEN NORFOLK AIMS FOR A SAFER RE-OPENING

OpenNorfolk is a boots-on-the-ground community assistance program that is helping local businesses open safely under The Governor's Phase 1-3 Guidelines. In Phase 3, OpenNorfolk will continue to assist local businesses while focusing on neighborhoods and communities, aiming to fill needs for outdoor programming, safe places for families and kids, and community activation. The program will provide temporary, flexible Neighborhood Spots that ensure that the communities in which they are built can deliver their vision for a safe, healthy, educational summer pop-up park.

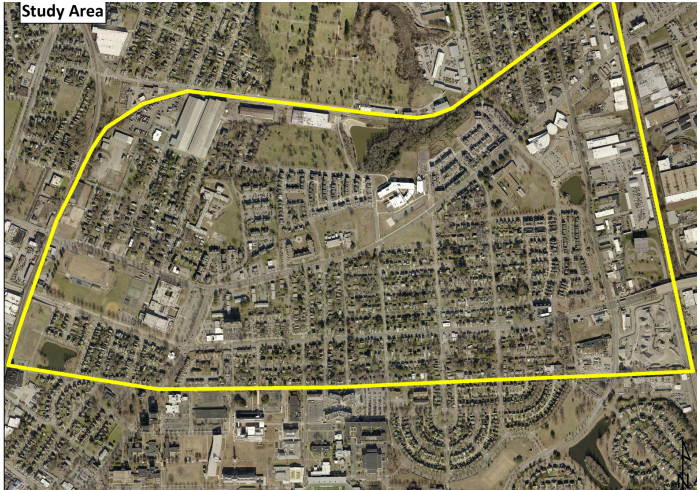
SPARTAN MARKET PURCHASED

Built in 1937, Spartan Market has served the community for more than 80 years. The City of Norfolk

recently purchased Spartan Market, located at 3026 E. Princess Anne Rd. There are no current plans for the site. The building will be razed and the land will be used for future development.



BROAD CREEK REFRESH CALLS FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT



The Department of City Planning has embarked on a community-driven “refresh” of the 2004 Broad Creek Plan (Broad Creek Revitalization & Implementation Plan Book). There has been a major transformation of the Broad Creek community since the adoption of the Plan in 2004. There are new homes, businesses, the Kroc Center, a new school and library, parks, and other significant additions. Other issues still remain, such as the plans for the industrial areas and continued land use conflicts in portions of the community; these are not reflected in the currently adopted plans. Revisiting the Plan with the community will lead to a revised vision and direction for plan implementation.

To address these changes and the current state of revitalization, the Broad Creek Refresh has been broken up into two phases:

Phase I included amendments to the general plan, planNorfolk2030 and the zoning map pertaining to specific properties within the Broad Creek Study Area.

Phase II includes community conversations which may identify additional issues and opportunities to address.

To begin Phase II, City staff met with the Broad Creek Refresh Focus Group on July 22. City staff will continue to meet with the Focus Group, as well as gather input from various stakeholders in the area throughout the fall.

Next Steps

A second virtual Community Meeting will be held, where City staff will review community-identified opportunities and issues (input from meetings, online survey, groups, etc.) and discuss and evaluate options to include in the plan.

A third and final virtual Community Meeting will be held, which will consist of a report out to the community on feedback received and the proposed Broad Creek Refresh plan that will be taken to Planning Commission and City Council.